

**STATE OF TENNESSEE**

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 258**

**SENATE BILL NO. 1749**

**By Marrero, Ketron, Berke, McNally, Burchett, Woodson, Burks**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1285

By Odom, Windle, Bass, Jim Cobb, Shaw, Ulysses Jones, Yokley, Pruitt,  
Gilmore, Ty Cobb

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-201, relative to group insurance.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-201(a)(5), is amended by adding the following at the end of the subdivision:

Any retired state employee or retired employee of the University of Tennessee and the state university and community college system who meets the criteria to qualify for a continuation of coverage under the provisions of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-205, may participate, as a retiree, in the dental plan established pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 8-27-201(a)(5). The plan of benefits and/or the monthly premiums for retirees may be adjusted subject to the approval of the State Insurance Committee. The Insurance Committee shall set the monthly amount collected from employee and retiree participants enrolled in the optional dental plan at a level sufficient to recover the initial start-up costs during the first twelve (12) months that retirees are eligible to participate in the optional dental plan.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2010, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 11, 2009**

  
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RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
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KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 20th day of May 2009**

  
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PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR